

# Editorial

## Excellent and Fair

Margaret Vaughan, in her editorial as the new editor of *The Behavior Analyst*, set as one of her goals for the journal “to challenge our thinking as we move forward in our understanding of a science of behavior.” Few such goals have ever been achieved with such grace, polish, and courage. Under her guidance, *The Behavior Analyst* has come of age as the medium of sophisticated, scholarly, and sprightly analyses of all facets of the enterprise. She has brought to the journal some of the same energy and imagination that Tina Brown brought to the new *New Yorker*, a publication I know Margaret respects and devours.

As for energy, she has encouraged the highest standards of submissions with her insistence on quality of content and writing. She took on many laborious duties normally handled by others in the typical running of other excellent journals. She has fought valiantly to raise the priority of the journal within the Association for Behavior Analysis; instituted a much-needed associate editor position; organized the operation of the journal from a rather informal, laissez faire system to a more professional structure; kept things running on time, battling the inherent inertia of authors, review editors, and, yes, this one associate editor; and she was fearless and fair in her decisions about manuscripts and the editorial process, including judgments of the editorial board.

As for imagination, she not only dwelt in possibility, she made it happen. Margaret instituted behavior analysis tutorials; the articles by Dinsmoor on stimulus control and Williams on conditioned reinforcement are classics of exposition and originality. The Encore articles she encouraged by Schoenfield and by Watkins allowed access to major topics or sources not normally encountered by many behavior analysts. Most delightful, perhaps, has been her encouragement of the scholarly liveliness and peppery interaction that mark debate within behavior analysis at its best.

She has accomplished all these things and much more in the maw of a profound and frightening illness that has made her contributions not only innovative but heroic. I report most happily that she is recovering rapidly from her illness and its treatments, resting this summer on the coast of Maine.

As the outgoing associate editor, I wish to express my deep appreciation to Margaret Vaughan for the opportunity to work with her. The experience only begins to be expressed by these lines of Wordsworth:

The thought of our past years in me  
doth breed  
Perpetual benedictions.

Jack Marr  
Associate Editor

## In Appreciation

I am pleased to have been able to finish the editorial work on this issue of *The Behavior Analyst*. Maggie Vaughan had completed the editorial process with many articles, and there

were a number of other articles in various states of revision under her guidance. All of the articles in this issue have their origins in Maggie's able service as Editor, so the intellectual core

of her contribution continues throughout this volume. I have appreciated the opportunity to put the finishing touches on this fine body of work, which she had carefully reviewed and nurtured, and I hope my contribution to the process has been congruent with her goals and ideas. We are all in her debt for

three years of leadership and for continued development of *The Behavior Analyst* as an excellent forum for presentation of conceptual analysis of behavior.

Dan Bernstein  
Editor